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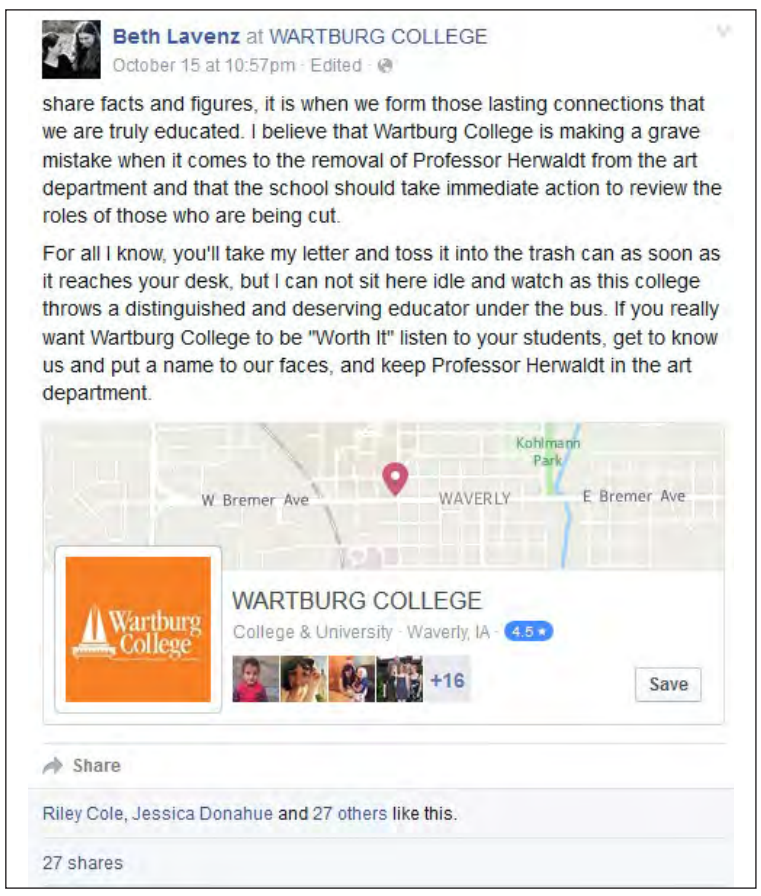
Faculty positions cut

Students sound off about favorite professors losing jobs due to 'institutional need'



Beth Lavenz at WARTBURG COLLEGE
October 15 at 10:57pm · Edited

share facts and figures, it is when we form those lasting connections that we are truly educated. I believe that Wartburg College is making a grave mistake when it comes to the removal of Professor Herwaldt from the art department and that the school should take immediate action to review the roles of those who are being cut.

For all I know, you'll take my letter and toss it into the trash can as soon as it reaches your desk, but I can not sit here idle and watch as this college throws a distinguished and deserving educator under the bus. If you really want Wartburg College to be "Worth It" listen to your students, get to know us and put a name to our faces, and keep Professor Herwaldt in the art department.

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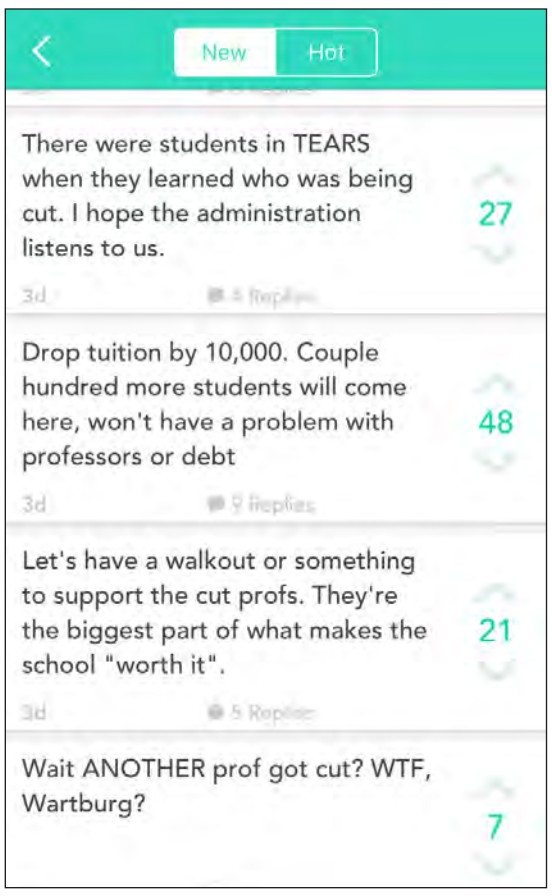

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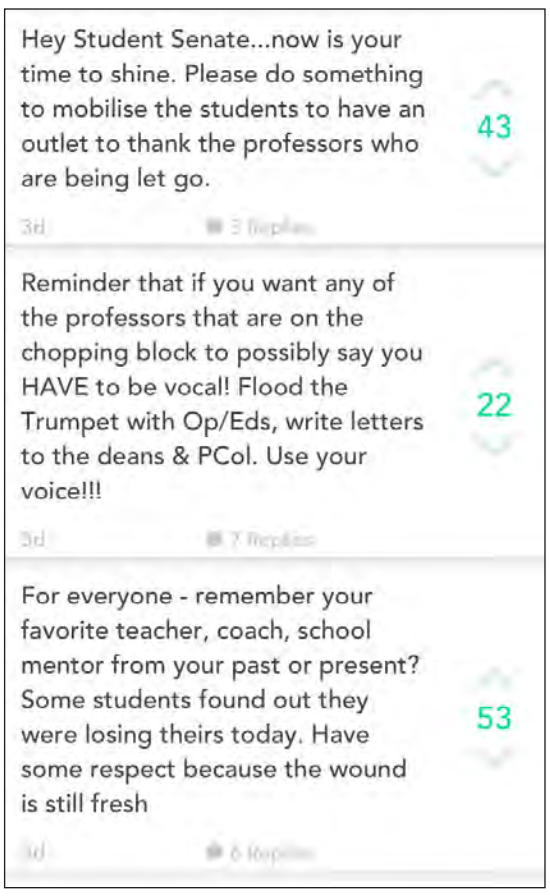

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Three faculty members were sent notifications Wednesday, Oct. 14, that their positions were being recommended for elimination based on "institutional need," Graham Garner, vice president for Marketing and Communication, said.

"As enrollment declines, then that means there are fewer students.

"And if there are fewer students, then there should be fewer faculty to teach those students," Garner said.

President Darrel Colson has until Nov. 10 to make the final decision of whether or not the faculty positions will be eliminated.

The Trumpet confirmed David Herwaldt, assistant professor of art, and Erik Grayson, assistant professor of English, each received a letter.

The third member of faculty to receive notice that his or her position does not fit institutional need has not yet been confirmed.

"The manner in which the news was delivered, it seems to me, is a profound violation of the values Wartburg claims to stand for," Herwaldt said.

"It seems to me that the news of position cuts was delivered to those holding those soon-to-be-cut positions in the most clumsy, and, indeed, inhumane, manner possible."

Faculty morale has plummeted, Herwaldt said.

"Everybody is scared, everybody is anxious, everybody is feeling under attack," Herwaldt said.

Some positions the Dean of Faculty, Brian Ernsting, determined as not fitting institutional need were already vacant.

Unfortunately, three of the positions being eliminated are filled by individuals who expected to continue working at Wartburg after this year, Garner said.

"This is not about the individuals in the positions. This is about the positions themselves," Garner said.

Students took to social media to react to the professors' positions being eliminated.

Elizabeth Lavenz's Facebook post has been shared 27 times, as of publication.

"I believe that Wartburg College is making a grave mistake when it comes to the removal of Professor Herwaldt from the art department and that the school should take immediate action to review the roles of those who are being cut," Lavenz wrote.

"I can not sit here idle and watch as this college throws a distinguished and deserving educator under the bus.

"If you really want Wartburg College to be 'Worth It,' listen to your students, get to know us and put a name to our faces, and keep Professor Herwaldt in the art department."

A petition was also started to keep the professors on campus. Emily Anderson, the student who started the petition, said she was not only heart-broken when she heard about the faculty position cuts, but livid.

"Wartburg is a great college because of the amazing professors, and Herwaldt is damn sure one of them," Anderson said.

"I want to show the board and President Colson that the students care about Herwaldt. Maybe they won't change their mind about keeping him here, but I couldn't live with myself if I didn't try."

She said she thinks enrollment will increase only if the college invests more in the professors, because they are the heart of the institution.

Grayson said he has been nothing short of blessed to have had the opportunity to work at Wartburg for the past three years.

"I am moved beyond words by the outpouring of support and kindness from current and former students who have reached out to me upon learning that my position has been recommended to be cut," Grayson said.

"To see so many students write passionately about me, the value of the position I currently hold to the mission of the college, the value of other affected faulty positions and the importance of the liberal arts has been a truly humbling affirmation of my decision to become an educator."

Grammer says, 'Nah, honey I'm good' to Oct. 23 concert

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The Andy Grammer and Aaron Carter concert has been rescheduled for Jan. 9.

Entertainment ToKnight (ETK) postponed the event due to circumstances "beyond their control."

"I'm so so sorry that I'm not going to be able to make the show," Grammer said in an apology video addressed to Wartburg students.

"Cancelling shows is, like, not a thing that I do often and it's really terrible and nobody wins and I wouldn't do it unless I was in a really really tough situation," Grammer said.

The concert was previously scheduled for Oct. 23. Ashley Lang, ETK adviser, said Grammer has had to cancel or postpone at least two other concerts beside Wartburg's. She said he has had to cancel for all of October.

Grammer recorded the video while practicing for his role on season 21 of ABC's "Dancing with the Stars."

"It [the video] seemed genuine to me…not that it softens the blow in any way, but I think he really wants to make it up to us," Lang said.

Lang attributes Grammer's cancellation to his work with the show.

"He has a commitment there that he probably wasn't aware of at the time that he committed to us," she said.

"Fortunately for us, this is the first we've had something like this happen in four years at least."

To see Grammer's full apology video, visit wartburgcircuit.org

▸ Grammer concert postponed p. 2

Andy Grammer sent a video to Wartburg apologizing for the postponed concert. He postponed due to his participation on the show "Dancing with the Stars." The concert has since been rescheduled for Jan. 9. at 8 p.m. in Neumann Auditorium. —**Submitted photo**

A 1956 graduate and former Board of Regent member, Chief Abudu, (center) visited Wartburg Oct. 14 with officials from the Nobelhouse College. Abudu founded the college in Abeokuta, Nigeria. He visited Wartburg with officials from Noblehouse College to learn how they can more effectively raise funds for their institution. While on campus, the group of officials also had the opportunity to tour campus and talk with students. —**Jessica Grant**/TRUMPET

Grammer concert postponed

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Jon Nuehring, president of ETK, said he was shocked when he received the news, but was confident they could still bring Grammer to Wartburg.

"We're glad everyone still seems supportive of the event," Nuehring said.

Tickets purchased for the Oct. 23 concert will be accepted for the Jan. 9 performance.

Student, faculty, staff and community members can purchase tickets for the concert while they are still available.

If people cannot attend because of the new date then refunds will be given as necessary, Lang said.

Refunds are available through Oct. 28 at the Information Desk. The paper ticket must be provided at that time.

"While it was unfortunate for us, we're fortunate that we had enough notice that we could take some action and try and get the word out before people are here and expecting a concert that we can't give them," Lang said.

Beck leaves Pathways

Duties split among other staff members while a replacement is found; all services are still available

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The Pathways Center is looking for a new member of the staff as Kelly Beck has left for another job after spending four years at Wartburg as an Academic Success associate.

Jette Irgens, assistant director of Pathways Center, said it will be hard to replace someone as devoted as Kelly Beck.

"She was always going above and beyond, she cared immensely for students' well-being and their academic success," Irgens said.

"We are happy for her that she found a job. But along with the students, we will miss her."

Beck's last day at Pathways was on Wednesday, Oct. 7, and for the time being her duties will be split among the other staff members at Pathways.

Irgens said the staff members are prioritizing their schedules to meet with the students that need accommodations.

Irgens said Pathways is looking for someone who knows the legislation that they are required to meet at the college and all the different pieces of legal concern.

"Are we excited about finding someone? Yes," She said.

"Are we doing our very best to find a qualified person? Yes. We will make sure that spot is filled with someone who fits the criteria we have at Pathways."

Irgens said she wants students to know that even with Beck gone, all the services that she provided are still available and are spread out among the Pathways staff.

Those services include testing services, language services and exam preparation.

Beck, who graduated from Wartburg in 2004 with a B.A. in psychology, also served as a co-adviser to Wartburg Alliance.

Derek Solheim, Director of Pathways Center for Career Services, said they are in the process of finding a replacement.

Solheim said they have reviewed the position description and the request has been approved.

The job-opening has now been posted on some national, regional and local job boards.

Pathways is in the process of gathering applicants for the job and they'll move forward with reviewing and identifying some

Kelly Beck

candidates. "We are hoping to find a qualified candidate in the next 60 days," Solheim said.

"Kelly did so much here, she helped develop individual academic success plans and helped students immensely."

Beck has reached out to students that she has had interactions with to inform them about her job move.

"We are meeting individually with students that Kelly met with on a regular basis and we are trying to provide the services and resources they might need now that she is gone," Solheim said.

"She was a tremendous colleague and someone that we will miss at Pathways and I'm sure students feel the same way," Solheim said.

Ultimate frisbee hosts tournament

Wartburg College's Ultimate Frisbee club, the B-52's, will be hosting a "hat tournament" on Saturday, Oct. 24 at the lacrosse field, near the baseball and soccer fields, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Registration will start at 9:30 a.m. The tournament fee is $5 per person.

During a hat tournament, players rank their playing ability from beginner to professional, then put the slips of paper in a hat.

The names are then pulled from the hat and teams are determined. The tournament is capped at 70 players.

"The hat tournament is open to the public," said co-captain Jake Hoyle.

"And even our practices are open to the public.

"If someone shows up and says, 'Hey, can I play?' We will say 'Yeah! We can teach you how to play.'"

Hoyle said being a part of the Ultimate Frisbee club is a great way to stay in shape, learn something new and meet new people.

For more information on the Hat Tournament or the Ultimate Frisbee club, search for the event 'Wartburg Hat Tournament' on Facebook or contact Jake Hoyle, Dylan Moore or Grant Gage.

Mensa hires extra help due to student worker shortage

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New workers in the Mensa are from the Larrabee Center because of a student employment shortage.

Last year, the Larrabee Center contacted Wartburg to see if there were any jobs available for their clients, Dr. Margaret Empie, assistant director of dining and retail services, said.

While they weren't able to make something work last year, the recent shortage of students in dining services allowed the deal to be made.

"We have a real lack of employees. There just aren't enough people for all of campus. So this seems like a good place to work because we could figure out jobs that wouldn't have to change constantly." Empie said.

"So I signed a contract with them [the Larrabee Center] through the end of the semester."

There are four staff members that help wash tables throughout lunch, Empie said.

Every time they work, a supervisor is required to be with them. The contract will last until the end of May Term.

Empie said it has been great to have members of the community come to Wartburg to work.

Jessica Gulick, vocational program manager for the Larrabee Center, said her clients are getting great experience working at the college.

"I had one client say to me 'I never thought I would have a job at Wartburg College.' To work at a college is very prestigious, even in the dining service.

"For that individual, she felt like that was just so cool to be able to tell people 'I work at Wartburg College,'" Gulick said.

The experience that the individuals have by working has been beyond rewarding, Gulick said.

The other employees and students are rewarded by this because they can see people with disabilities are hard workers and valuable Gulick said.

This is the first employment relationship the Larrabee Center has had, Gulick said.

The Larrabee Center takes in a lot of clients and distributes them throughout the community, Gulick said.

When not working in the Mensa, those clients will go back to working at Trinkets and Togs or other businesses around the community.

"We have done internships with other businesses in Waverly: Pizza Ranch, the Red Fox Hotel, CUNA Mutual Group and their dining and janitorial services," Gulick said.

"We look for opportunities to match up our clients skills with their interest and we did have a lot of people who were interested in the food service industry."

Kayla Polson, a student, said she noticed older people cleaning tables in the Mensa at the start of the school year.

"I think these kinds of programs are a benefit to people involved in it, and I'm glad to see Wartburg is providing a way to help that program," Polson said.

Greg Schumacher, a member of the Larrabee Center, cleans tables during the lunchtime Mensa rush. —**Dan Haack**/TRUMPET

Women's pay becomes topic of conversation

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Personal stories of injustice and statistics on inequality were brought to light by Kristen Corey at the Waverly Branch of the American Association of University Women's (AAUW) meeting Oct. 15.

A Program Planner for the Iowa Office on the Status of Women, Corey talked on the inequity issue that is at the heart of the wage gap between men and women, not just in Iowa, but all over the country.

"Collectively, women in Iowa are losing more than $4.6 billion annually."

—Kristen Corey

Corey drew her argument from personal experience. As an undergraduate who was working multiple jobs, Corey said she was being paid two dollars per hour less than her male counterparts.

When she approached her supervisor to discuss the pay gap, she was told she was overreacting.

"Big deal? I think it's kind of a big deal," Corey said.

Kimberly Folkers, AAUW president and Wartburg College professor of marketing, said these issues are not always realized by students.

"I think it's troubling. I think it's one of those issues, especially as I work with young women at Wartburg, where we assume...that all the battles for equality have been won," Folkers said.

Battles have been fought and won for pay inequity, but more still rage on, Corey said.

"Collectively women in Iowa are losing more than $4.6 billion annually," Corey said.

Women are faring worse across the board when it comes to being paid less than their male counterparts.

White women receive 77 cents for every man's dollar, while African American women receive 61 cents and Latino women receive 58 cents.

"This is actually going on. These are the numbers. It's not just one person's story," Corey said.

"Women from all walks of life are experiencing this."

To combat this inequality, Corey promotes advocacy in any form.

Letter writing to legislators, or learning how to negotiate a salary is one of the many solutions Corey presents.

Waverly's branch of AAUW hopes to implement a workshop for students, both female and male, which would help give students the skills to negotiate their salaries when it comes time to enter the workforce.

Often students, especially female students, don't realize that the inequity exists, Folkers said.

"I think even women themselves are critical of these conversations. They don't want to hear that," Folkers said.

Waverly's AAUW branch addresses many of these issues, along with localizing the more issues that are made public and present from the national chapter.

To get involved with the AAUW, visit http://waverly-ia.aauw.net/

Schools collaborate

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As a way to bring experiential learning into the classroom, Dr. Penni Pier's persuasion class has been working with St. Paul's Lutheran School in Waverly to create different promotional pieces for various St. Paul's events.

This class is unique to Wartburg in that the students work in teams and compete against each other to represent the school for various marketing projects.

Ben Bogard, a student in the persuasion class, said the class follows an inverted class structure in which they listen to lectures online and apply the knowledge in class through application based-activities.

"It is a blending of persuasive theory and praxis. I want to introduce students to theoretical concepts that the literature has to offer as well as practical applications of those theoretical concepts," Pier, professor in journalism and communication, said.

Wartburg's relationship with St. Paul's Lutheran School provides an opportunity for that practical application.

Pier wanted a client who would need work done, and because Wartburg has historically had close ties with St. Paul's Church, collaborating with the school seemed like a great opportunity for service and experiential learning.

Before the beginning of the year, Pier met with leadership at the school to discuss which events they needed and wanted promotional pieces for.

Students create promotions for these events, and the client selects what they deem to be the best project.

The school then uses the work that the students created.

"Not only are they practicing persuasive theory in what they create, but they are practicing persuasive speaking in their pitch to the client," Pier said.

"It gives students an invaluable resource."

In addition, Pier said the opportunity for students to compare their work will help them become better in their futures.

"It lets them compare apples to apples when they are working on the same project," Pier said.

So far, students have made projects for the St. Paul's Lutheran Church Student-led Advent Worship, as well as a yearlong fundraiser called SCRIP.

"Healthy competition is good because it allows you to constructively critique your own work."

—Penni Pier

The next project will be a promotion for the PTO talent show, and at the end of the semester, six groups of students will create different branding videos for the client.

"Each team is producing a video on a given aspect of St. Paul's to help promote programs and highlight unique aspects of the school. Our team is working on producing a leadership video," Bogard said.

"The last major project is a year round marketing plan that covers all the main events and church seasons."

Pier said she has been very impressed with the amount of ideas and content the students have done thus far in the semester.

"It's been very hard for the client to make a decision, and that's a really good problem to have," Pier said.

Pier said the competition aspect of the class has challenged students in a positive way. She sees it as a motivating factor for those in the class.

"Healthy competition is good because it allows you to constructively critique your own work," Pier said.

Additionally, students are able to learn how to take constructive criticism from the client, which can be a challenge.

"Criticism is something that students will face with real world clients, and they won't be polite about it either," Pier said.

"St. Paul's provides a nurturing environment in which students can gain important skills in receiving and applying criticism."

The persuasion class first took on St. Paul's Lutheran School as a client last year, and Pier hopes to continue with the format of this class in the future.

"It is vastly different this year than it was last year, and I'm still trying to make it better. In terms of the client portion, I think it is the way to go," Pier said.

"I never fail to be impressed by the ingenuity and determination of our students. They are doing really great work, and I'm just humbled and proud to be their instructor."

Knights assemble!

For more photos from Outfly, check out the Wartburg Circuit at www.wartburgcircuit.org.

—Marketing & Communication

Tattoos tell our story

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Kaitlyn Williams proudly shows off the tattoos she has acquired over the years. Both are significant to her life and represent a small part of the story that tells who she is. —**Megan Backer/TRUMPET**

Growing up, my family never really talked about tattoos. My dad got mad when my older brother got an ear piercing, so I figured he wasn't approving of these activities.

That didn't stop me from dreaming of getting a tattoo, though. It was something I had thought about quite a bit so on my first Outfly I got my first tattoo. I had been dreaming of the design since middle school and quickly my dream became a reality.

My mother was very supportive and even helped me find the perfect place on my shoulder.

As for my father, he still tries to ignore the fact it exists.

I have grown to love my tattoo more and more each day, and over the summer I decided that I most definitely wanted to add to my body art collection.

I took the time to decide what my next tattoo would be and I even started drawing it on my wrist every day in sharpie.

Obviously, I don't have a problem with people having tattoos, and as long as they have meaning to the person I believe they should be able to do what they want.

However, there are downfalls, and often times people don't put thought into their tattoos or their placements.

This is something that has really started to bother me.

I wish more people would think about these things and their futures before they decide on something that lasts forever, like a tattoo.

People can make rash decisions, especially during times like Outfly, and then they're stuck with permanent body art.

Tattoos are not a bad thing and are quite amazing, even though there is a lot of backlash that comes with the idea of tattoos.

Tattoos are another way to express yourself and how you feel, and can show a deeper side of a person.

I'm proud to say I am growing up in a generation that seems to get it. We are more open to ideas like tattoos, but it doesn't stop there.

Letting people express themselves in what ever way they choose, as long as it isn't offensive or hurtful to others, should be celebrated.

Even if I don't have the same expressions when I get older, I will always have my tattoos and the memories that go along with them to remind of a time where I was happy being me.

I hope everyone finds a way to express themselves and hold on to memories, whether it's a tattoo or comes in some other form.

Kaitlyn Williams is a third-year chemistry and journalism major from Dixon, Illinois.

Student Spotlight

Jessica Pedersen

Second-year elementary education major from Austin, Minnesota. Other campus involvement includes: RA, Alliance, Wartburg Embracing Bremwood, Eucharist Band

Currently Watching:
"Orange is the New Black."

Favorite Class You've Taken:
RE 101.

Spirit Animal:
Horse.

Interesting Hobby:
Knitting.

Dream Job:
Guidance counselor.

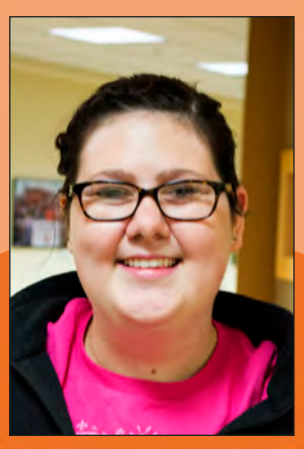
Role Model:
Ellen DeGeneres.

Favorite Animal:
Otter.

Cool Cookie Flavor:
Never had one.

Hidden Talent:
Touch nose with tongue.

Sing in Shower:
Yes.



Green Tips:

Courtesy of the Eco-Reps

Recycling: The single stream recycling makes it easy to recycle. On all of our bins there are pictures showing what's acceptable for each container.

Water: Last year Wartburg saved 11,154 plastic bottles from being used. Use a reusable bottle and fill them up at water fountains on campus as we try to increase that number this year.

Burg Blurbs

Perks of working for Wartburg Alum? They send you home when you tell them it's Outfly! #KnightsForLife

Have I put off homework for a week? Yes, yes I have.

I think the chalk writing is actually creative. #FreeAdvertising

Petition for a Winter Term Outfly?

It has literally taken me 2 hours to watch 20 minutes of Netflix. #WartburgWIFI

High school did not get me ready for college at all.

Why's it always got to be so darn windy? #Iowa'sNewWindTunnel

Burg Blurbs are compiled from Twitter, Facebook and Yik Yak.

Our community is hurting

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Nadia Bolz-Weber is a tattooed, foul-mouthed Lutheran Pastor whose church, is located in Denver, Colorado.

In her book "Pastrix," Nadia describes one of the ways she and her congregation defy expectations.

When they welcome new members to the church they ask people what drew them to the community. What follows is a list of great things that would make any pastor feel pretty good about themselves. And, then right at the end, Nadia tells them something surprising.

She says, "This community will disappoint them. It's a matter of when, not if. We will let them down or I'll say something stupid and hurt their feelings. I then invite them on this side of their inevitable disappointment to decide if they'll stick around after it happens. If they choose to leave when we don't meet their expectations, they won't get to see how the grace of God can come in and fill the holes left by our community's failure, and that's just too beautiful and too real to miss."

Being part of a community is messy and difficult work. It's the kind of work that often makes you want to give up. But Nadia is right.

Every community is going to disappoint us at some point. Our expectations are not going to be met and we're going to become disillusioned.

Every community I have ever been a part of has disappointed me. There have been times recently when the Wartburg community has disappointed me. I've been disillusioned with the ways in which students, faculty and staff have treated one another.

Then it occurred to me that as a part of this community I bear some responsibility for it as well. I can't rightly complain about others actions without trying to do anything constructive about it.

We may not all have equal power in the community, but we still belong to it and to one another.

I've also come to grips with the fact that every community I have led and will lead has disappointed other people.

It is a sobering reality to hear that people have been disappointed enough in your leadership to drop out altogether. It's depressing. But it's also a reminder that even when I lead I'm still part of a community, not someone who stands outside of it.

I can't lead within a community if others don't take up their responsibility to tell me when I've disappointed them, and tried to work with me to fix it.

I know there is a lot of hurt within our community right now that isn't going to go away over night. There are some things that only time and grace will heal. But there are others that we can actually do something about.

Either way I hope we stay engaged with one another. Because if we don't, "we won't get to see how the grace of God can come in and fill the holes left by our community's failure, and that's just too beautiful and too real to miss."

Rev. Brian Beckstrom is a chapel pastor at Wartburg College.

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Accessibility problems on campus

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Certain areas on campus are difficult to access for students and faculty that use wheelchairs, walkers or crutches, as well as those who have difficulty just getting around.

The Whitehouse Business Center is a particular problem spot, Dr. Susan Meyerann, who currently uses a wheelchair, said.

There is no elevator in the building and there is no handicap accessible bathroom, Meyerann said.

Her office is on the first floor of the business center.

It takes her extra time to go to the student center to use the elevator and go through the skywalk, just to get to the second floor of the business center.

"You just have to make sure you have the time to do it. Just plan on anything taking two to three times longer than it normally would," she said.

"If I don't leave my office by 7:30 for my 7:45 class, I'll be late. And it's right upstairs."

Another problem area is the older residence halls, such as Clinton or Centennial, Andrew Tubbs said.

Clinton Hall has no ramp at any of the entrances, so there is no way someone in a wheel chair could get into the building.

Centennial does have a ramp to the first floor, but neither building has an elevator.

"You know where the trouble spots are and you just have to find ways to avoid them," Tubbs said.

Other areas that cause problems are the skywalks.

Although Meyerann said she is grateful for them, the placement of the buttons makes them difficult to use.

"I wish everyone had the opportunity to spend the day in a wheelchair and take it seriously."

- Susan Meyerann

Some skywalks slant down and some buttons are placed halfway between the doors.

If someone in a wheelchair is unable to stop themselves to push the button, they would run directly into the next set of doors in the hallway, she said.

Restrooms can also cause problems.

If the stalls do not open out or if the stalls themselves are not large enough, it makes them harder to use.

Andrew Tubbs gets an assist from Security. While most buildings have handicap accessibility other buildings, such as Clinton Hall, do not. Wartburg has done a good job so far with making the campus accessible but there is room for improvement, Tubbs said. —**Submitted photo**

If the sinks and hand dryers are not placed low enough, people struggle to reach them. Meyerann said it has been difficult to get used to these problems.

"I wish everyone had the opportunity to spend the day in a wheelchair and take it seriously," she said.

Even though there are some problems on campus, both Tubbs and Meyerann said Wartburg does a few things well with accessibility, too.

Meyerann said the people on campus make the biggest difference for her.

"If a student sees me struggling, he or she will push me, open the door, help pick something up," Meyerann said.

"The people at the Den are wonderful with packaging something so that I can carry it.

"People are just very, very helpful and they don't shy away."

Tubbs added security is very helpful by providing rides around campus, especially when there is snow on the ground.

He also said Pathways is a lot of help with accessibility in the classroom.

"Wartburg has really helped me be successful in this environment even though there are some accessibility issues," he said.

"Whenever I've had problems they've been more than willing to work with me.

"Even though there's room for improvement, Wartburg has done excellent," Tubbs said.

Christmas with Wartburg reveals this year's theme

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The connection between water and Christmas may seem like a stretch.

However students, directors, narrators and technical staff are preparing to share the "Rejoice in the Living Water" theme for Christmas with Wartburg on Iowa Public Television broadcasts.

For more than 65 years, Christmas with Wartburg has brought a variety of art forms into one 90-minute show.

Each year, a new theme surrounds the music, backdrop, lighting and narration for the more than 7,000 show attendees.

"We're really excited to share this year's program with everybody. It's a very unique lens we are looking at," Lee Nelson, Wartburg Choir and Ritterchor director, said.

"Water is baptism; water is regeneration; water is all those things - water isn't necessarily what you would connect with Christmas."

A member of Wartburg Choir, Amanda Wright, said the theme is clever and is something people don't typically connect.

Water is the element of life and is seen many times in the Bible and in general because it is necessary for life, but it is not directly associated with Christmas, she said.

"Every year there seems to be a new piece that is commissioned for the concert," Nelson said.

"This year, Tom Trenney wrote a stunningly beautiful piece called, 'Living Water,' which ties directly into our theme."

Trenney visited and worked with several choir groups earlier this month. He spent time conducting a workshop with Wartburg Choir during an evening rehearsal and even rewrote a few measures of his composition while working with students.

The choir does two workshops each year, if not more. Workshops with living composers, like Trenney, expose students to the creative process, while they learn about the composer's approach to the piece, Nelson said.

These special rehearsals inspire students to seek out opportunities, as well as be adventurous and creative in their own fields of study, Nelson said.

"It's like a new experience, because you literally have the person who wrote it right in front of you," Elliott Stern, member of the choir and Ritterchor, said.

"It's so helpful, and I love those connections more than anything."

An Iowa Public Television camera crew videotaped the Wartburg Choir rehearsal and workshop to get footage for a one-hour broadcast of Christmas with Wartburg, which Nelson said is taped about every four years.

"As soon as they got there I realized that it is what it is," Wright said. "In choir, we feel professional all the time, so it wasn't like it was a big stretch. We just focus on the director, ignore the cameras, and trust in Nelson."

Having Iowa Public Television at rehearsal and the performances raises and renews everyone's sense of commitment, Nelson said.

He said it is always motivating to have them recording because it brands Wartburg and the music program for several years to follow because it reaches such a large audience.

"I think it...gets us to that next level of respect," Stern said.

Tom Trenney practiced with the Wartburg Choir last week. He composed a piece, called "Living Water," that will be performed in Christmas with Wartburg this year. —**Molly Schmitt***/TRUMPET*

Elite Takedown Club is a wrestling club for kindergarten through high school. The club now has four locations: New Hampton, Independence, Osage, and Waverly. —**Submitted photo**

Elite Takedown opens in Waverly

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Two former Wartburg wrestlers have opened a new training facility in Waverly for their wrestling club, Elite Takedown Club.

The facility includes an auditorium, cafeteria and bunk rooms for wrestlers to stay in.

Elite Takedown Club was started in 2010 in Sumner. The club came to Waverly after Jaime Gray and Jake Agnitsch took it over in 2013.

"We personally like doing it and I think that's the most important part. That's how we kind of built the whole facility," Gray said.

Brady and Blake Meyer, current wrestlers at Wartburg, are brothers from Sumner who have been a part of Elite since the beginning.

Brady Meyer said the values of the club shifted once Gray took over.

"As soon as he started, he knew what he wanted to do and had a goal in mind and just ran with it," Meyer said.

Elite has practices at the new Waverly facility twice a week. With three additional practice sites in New Hampton, Independence and Osage, Gray said the club is utilized by almost 40 area communities.

"Wrestling-wise it's really helped out Northeast Iowa because we're not limited to just Waverly," Gray said. "We don't care where the kid's from or what high school he goes to. If they come into our building, they remember that we're trying to make them good."

Blake Meyer enjoyed the competitive nature of the club because coming from a small town, there weren't many people to wrestle with.

"When a bunch of guys from different schools come to one location, there's all sorts of opportunities that open up with the new partners and the growth that you see is just crazy," Meyer said.

Gray said the club now has close to 70 members. Elite members get practice sessions, summer camps and tournament opportunities, Agnitsch said.

With the new Waverly facility, Gray has big visions in mind for Elite.

"We want to be the best club in the state of Iowa first, and then we want to be the best club in the country," Gray said. "We're moving towards that goal, but we've got a long ways to go."

Auctions banned

Wartburg handbook bans fundraiser

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Date auctions, a favored method of fundraising, have been banned as of this year due to the similarity they have to slave auctions, as well as the possibility of sexual assault according to the Wartburg student handbook.

Ritterchor is well-known for doing the date auctions as a way to raise money for Dance Marathon and service trips.

Abby Schott participated in last year's date auction.

"I think as long as the date auctions and the types of dates are light hearted and fun for both partaking in the 'date' then it should be allowed," Schott said.

"Though I do not like to speak out against the school often, I feel that the college has overstepped their boundaries with this ban," Blake Shipman, Ritterchor member said.

The school has written in the handbook that date auctions are much like slave auctions in that they portray humans as property.

The college argues that date auctions fail to promote the open and diverse environment that Wartburg has.

Another argument is that date auctions give a sense of entitlement to the buyer that may lead to rape or other forms of sexual assault.

"All parties involved with this auction were willing participants, we are all grown adults here and it seems to me that Wartburg is stepping onto turf that they have no say in," Shipman said

Schott said, "no one is forced to be in the auction and no one is forced to bid so I think it is just a really fun way to get to know others on campus and also raise money and awareness."

Andrew Tubbs, president of Ritterchor, and Anna Askegaard, student leader of services trips.

Both agreed with the school's move to ban date auctions and said they understand the reasons behind it.

They said they will find funds another way.

"I think date auctions are fun. They're a great way to raise money in a fun and light-hearted way and connect to people on campus," Schott said.

As the year goes on, these groups will need find new and alternative ways to raise money for various activities.

"Whatever they do I'm sure they will have great attendance as [Ritterchor] are full of talent, humor and great guys," Schott said.

"Whatever it is, I'm sure that Ritterchor will do it with the style and gusto like we do everything," Shimpan said.

Date auctions, which used to be a popular way to raise funds for Dance Marathon and service trips, are now banned. They are not allowed due to their resemblance to slave auctions . —**File photos**/*TRUMPET*

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Students can be part of digital ministries and experience the behind the scenes of the chapel. Students who are interested can talk to Rev. Brian Beckstrom or Nichole Lyons. —**Megan Backer**/*TRUMPET*

Digital ministries in action

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The digital ministry program has grown in the two years it has been at Wartburg. The program began with Campus Pastor Brian Beckstrom and Nichole Lyons.

Beckstrom said he realized that digital ministry is something Wartburg's chapel needed after talking to a man named Will Ranney, who does digital ministry full-time in Waverly.

Lyons became part of it as well after she realized she wanted to combine her passions of communications and religion.

"College students are relating to institutions in different ways than they once did and so the place where they are is online and it just makes sense," Beckstrom said.

The chapel has expanded to many different social media platforms since starting digital ministry.

Currently the chapel can be found on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and it is also livestreamed through Knight Vision.

The chapel does not currently have a Snapchat account but Beckstrom said there may be a possibility of obtaining one in the future.

"So many people are online now and they're constantly on the go. People don't necessarily take the time out of their Sundays to go to church and it's another way to reach a broader audience," Lyons said.

In addition to the Sunday services, the digital ministry program livestreams everything else happening in the chapel such as Eucharist on Wednesday nights and Monday, Wednesday and Friday chapel services.

The program also livestreams events such as the choir performances, the Graven Award ceremony and the Bach's Lunch.

Most of the extra things they livestream are on a need basis, Lyons said.

The digital ministry program is made up of a few students, a few part-time helpers and the pastors on campus.

"We are kind of wanting to start establishing more of an online presence, whether that be through a blog or through a YouTube channel we just of kind of need more hands in the pot to get that up and going," Lyons said.

One more thing they are considering is adding a new class, which may eventually turn into a new major or classes for more than just undergraduate students.

The program is working with faculty and staff to get an introductory level digital ministry class approved.

"I think we can become the kind of place where people from church come to learn how to do this stuff," Beckstrom said.

" There are not many colleges that have both a really strong religion department and a really strong journalism and communications program.

Having this program can bring a different perspective to campus.

"I think a campus ministry that's willing to try different thing,there are not many places that have that and we do," Beckstrom said.

Library hours changed for students

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This year the library has changed their hours on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Instead of opening up at noon, the library now opens at 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. It closes at 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

"The hours changed directly as a consequence of some staffing reductions at the library," Curtis Brundy, Vogel Library director, said.

As of Jan. 1, 2015, the library's circulation supervisor position retired and over the summer the library lost their acquisition position for the same reason.

"As a consequence of that over the summer, we looked at hours and we looked at usage and decided on one way to keep the maximum amount of hours was to adjust them a little bit," Brundy said.

Last year the library was open 93 hours per week. Now it is open for 90.5 per week.

"We took the opportunity to adjust the hours on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Instead of opening and closing at different hours, now it is consistent," Brundy said.

Rachel Schroeder studies at the library every day and has not noticed the change.

"They haven't really impacted me, I haven't exactly noticed. I would like an extension of hours later than 5 p.m. but that's about it," said Schroeder.

Farai Gandiya has not been affected by the hours either.

"The hours have not done anything in a meaningful way, but it is kind of strange having to come to [the library] at one on a Saturday," Gandiya said.

Both Gandiya and Schroeder have other places to study if the library is not open.

"I study in the Science Center or my room," Schroeder said.

"I study either in my room, Science Center on the third floor or the Whitehouse Business Center," Gandiya said.

The reduction of hours could or could not be affected each year, but it will always impact someone, Brundy said.

"It is hard to measure the [impact]. We expanded our hours on Friday ,we noticed that there were still people in the building at 4:30 when we closed. We bumped that up to 5 p.m." Brundy said.

Gandiya and Schroeder would like to have the old hours back

"I did like the hours from last year, especially for science majors because we are in [the library a lot],"Schroeder said.

Athletic trainers boost success

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Behind a sports programs' athletic success, there are many people helping those athletes achieve their goals.

One of those is the athletic trainer.

The athletic trainer's role is to be a primary contact for student-athletes who get injured or fall ill during their sport. The athletic trainer provides treatment options and rehabilitates injuries.

"Just like our student-athletes, just like our coaches, it's up to us to meet that same level of excellence that everybody else is held too," Ryan Callahan, head athletic trainer, said.

A component to building that level of excellence is forming a trusting relationship between the trainers and athletes as well as the coaches. How that relationship is built is not only talking about sports and athletic related injuries, but also talking about other subjects outside of sports.

"Coming in hours in the morning and before practice and after practice. You develop a relationship with them," Nick Clasen, a football player said.

"You discuss shows and current events. It makes the time go faster," Clasen said.

Callahan said, the most stressful part of being an athletic trainer is trying to rehabilitate an athlete back to their original form in a reasonable amount of time.

Emily Link, associate athletic trainer, also said that it can be heartbreaking to see an athlete lose a season or career due to an injury or illness.

The most difficult part is making sure that every athlete is properly cared for. Callahan said there are three athletic trainers for a total of 724 student-athletes.

Callahan is in charge volleyball, wrestling, golf and lacrosse teams.

Link is in charge of football, men's and women's basketball, tennis and baseball.

Kaitlyn Huck, assistant athletic trainer, is in charge of men's and women's soccer as well as the men's and women's indoor and outdoor track and field teams.

"It's hard to be able to spread out your time and make sure your giving adequate amount of treatment for every single person," Link said.

Link said that the trainers manage their time with work-study students taking care of small treatments such as taping ice bags and by all three trainers helping each other out when they need it.

All of the athletic trainers said that working with the student-athletes, coaches and being part of the team is the best part of being an athletic trainer, especially when they get to see athletes on an individual and team level reach their goals.

"We've got a tradition of excellence here, for myself and my staff, that's part of what we enjoy," Callahan said.

"We want to be part of helping our student-athletes achieve what they came here for, whether that is conference championships or national championships."

Emily Link, associate athletic trainer, tapes Nick Clasen's hand before football practice. The primary role of athletic trainers is to be sure athletes are healthy during their seasons. **—Erica Dynes/***TRUMPET*

Umpires give back

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Even though Blake Wilson and Jackson Litterer have graduated, they returned to Hertel Field, but this time they were making the calls.

The duo umpired Wartburg's fall inter-squad baseball game on Sunday, Oct. 11.

"It meant a lot because I remember being a part of those games as a player and now I could be a part of it as an umpire," Wilson said. "I want to give back to the program because it was such a big part of my life for four years."

Both Wilson and Litterer are now sixth-grade math teachers at Clear Creek-Amana.

Litterer said he has been a high school and younger level baseball umpire for five years.

Litterer had to pay a membership fee, pass a test, go to a coaches clinic and attend a rules meeting. He continues that process each year to maintain his umpire certification.

Wilson took a different path. He umpired 12 and 13-year olds United States Specialty Sports Association baseball.

"I love the game of baseball and I want to be around it for as long as possible," Wilson said. "This was one way for me to do that."

Baseball player, Andrew Jordan thought it was special that Litterer and Wilson came back to umpire a game, especially since it was the baseball team's Family Weekend.

"Having two great alumni back umping and controlling the game for us…it was just special to have them back," Jordan said.

As umpires are supposed to remain neutral to both teams, Litterer said the biggest challenge was just that. Instead of thinking of the "guys" as teammates, he had to call the game as a third party, he said.

Wilson and Litterer were two of the Knights' captains last season and Jordan said they were great guys to have on the team.

"Blake and Jackson both were so key to our team with leadership," Jordan said.

"They were so important from a team aspect to cheer guys on, let people know what they are doing wrong and what they can improve on. It is a bummer they are not with us again."

As Litterer and Wilson have moved on, the sense of family has stuck with Litterer far beyond his last game as a Knight.

"It really is a family thing. Everyone acts and treats each other like they are family," Litterer said.

"Once a Knight, always a Knight."

Blake Wilson (left) and Jackson Litterer graduated this past May and were captains on the baseball team. They returned to umpire a fall baseball game on Oct. 11. **—Wartburg Baseball photo**

Andrew Jordan has been working on his pitching mechanics during the fall to get in shape for the 2016 season. **—Wartburg Baseball photo**

Jackson Litterer calles the game from behind the plate. **—Wartburg Baseball photo**

Men defeat Dutch

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The Wartburg Men's Soccer Team knocked off Iowa Conference-opponent Central College on Saturday in Pella, 3-0.

The scoring opened in the fourth minute when Kimu Kasha got on the end of a pass from Ayo Adebayo.

This was the third goal of the season for Kasha.

Less than two minutes later the Knights struck again when Jonah Waldron netted a goal off an Adebayo assist.

Waldron now has four goals on the season.

The score remained 2-0 to the Knights until minute 77 when Zubeen Azari found the back of the net from a Paris Martins assist.

This was Azari's fifth goal of the season.

Wartburg outshot Central 20-9.

The Knights had seven shots in the first half and 13 in the second.

Central had four shots in the first half and five in the second.

In corner kicks, Wartburg held the advantage with five. Central had one.

As for saves, Knights' goalkeeper Austin Boyke had no saves, but allowed no goals.

Central's goalkeeper, Austin Little had eight saves and allowed three goals.

In saves by period, Central's Little had one save in the first half and seven saves in the second half.

No cautions were given during the game.

Wartburg also had one offsides penalty during the match.

The Knights improved to 10-4-1 on the season and 3-2 in Iowa Conference play.

The Knights' next opponent will come against UW-Plateville on Oct. 20 in Platteville.

Wartburg's next conference matchup will be against the Simpson Storm on Oct. 24.

Zubeen Azari scored one goal after the sixth minute of the game, bringing the score to 3-0 and shutting out the Dutch on Saturday night. This was Azari's fifth goal of the season. **—File photo**

Spartans stun Knights

Logan Schrader hands the ball off to running back Brandon Domeyer against Dubuque on Saturday, Oct. 17. Schrader also set the all-time career touchdown passes record with 60. He recorded 197 yards passing and completed 18 of 29 passes. —**Riley Cole**/*TRUMPET*

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For the first time this season the Wartburg Knights found themselves on the losing end of a hard fought football game. The 45-13 defeat came at the hands of the Dubuque Spartans.

The game began positively for the Knights as they recovered a fumble on the opening kickoff and then scored a touchdown on their first drive thanks to running back Brandon Domeyer.

From then on the game belonged to the Spartans.

"Dubuque just whipped us," head coach Rick Willis said. "They physically outplayed us and controlled pretty much every matchup that was out there."

A major problem that plagued the Knights was short possessions on offense.

After possessing the ball for over eight minutes in the first half, Wartburg lost the time of possession battle in each of the next three quarters. For the game they finished with 24 minutes and 40 seconds of possession time compared to the 35 minutes and 20 seconds for the Spartans.

The Knights also finished the game with nine possessions that ended in Grant Zimmerman punts.

With all of the short offensive possessions, the defense didn't get much time to rest on the sideline.

This may have been a contributing factor as the Knights allowed 475 yards of total offense.

Even with the loss, quarterback Logan Schrader became Wartburg's all-time leader in passing touchdowns.

His record breaking touchdown pass came in the 3rd quarter when Schrader found classmate Jordan Schmitt for a 21 yard connection.

The loss dropped the Knights out of first place in the Iowa Conference.

The top spot now belongs to the Spartans.

Wartburg will look to rebound in their next conference game which will be played Oct. 24 when they travel to Decorah, Iowa to take on the rival Luther Norse.

Coach Willis is optimistic about the rest of the season for the Knights.

"We weren't a very good football team today, but we've still got a good football team, we'll be fine," Willis said.

Will Janssen gets a tackle against Dubuque. The Knights lost 45-13 and are now 2-1 in Iowa Conference play. —**Riley Cole**/*TRUMPET*

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Tuesday-Oct. 20
M Soccer @ UW-Platteville (7:30 p.m.)
VB @ Luther (7:30 p.m.)

Wednesday-Oct. 21
W Soccer vs. St. Olaf (7 p.m.)

Friday-Oct. 23
VB vs. St. Norbert (5 p.m.)*
VB vs. Augustana (7 p.m.)*

Saturday-Oct. 24
VB vs. St. Catherine (12 p.m.)*
VB vs. UW-Whitewater (2 p.m.)*
FB @ Luther (2 p.m.)
W Soccer vs. Simpson (5 p.m.)
M Soccer vs. Simpson (7 p.m.)
*Played at UW-Whitewater

IIAC VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS		
Wartburg	4-1	20-3
Luther	4-1	16-8
Buena Vista	4-1	15-8
Loras	3-2	15-10
Coe	2-3	16-10
Dubuque	2-3	14-13
Central	1-4	13-10
Simpson	0-5	11-14

IIAC FOOTBALL STANDINGS		
Dubuque	3-0	4-2
Wartburg	2-1	5-1
Loras	2-1	3-3
Simpson	2-1	3-3
Central	1-2	3-3
Luther	1-2	3-3
Coe	1-2	2-4
Buena Vista	0-3	1-5

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The Women's cross country team traveled to UW-Oshkosh to compete in their invitational.

The Knights finished in sixteenth place, Jaclyn Rittgers led the team, finishing 33rd with a time of 22:16.

Other Knights finishers:
Meghan Sibernagel-81st, 22:52
Gillian Feller-109th, 23:11
Shae McEnany-124th, 23:18
Abi Watson-132nd, 23:22

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Wartburg's men's cross country team also traveled to UW-Oshkosh last weekend.

Bennett Moser led the Knights to a twelfth-place team finish, as he took thirty-ninth, with a time of 25:19.

Other Knights finishers:
Eli Kaczinkski-46th, 25:26
Kailas Kokare-63rd, 25:37
Zach Marpe-69th, 25:40
Ryan Hermsen-80th, 25:45

VOLLEYBALL

Saturday-St. Kate's Results:
Wartburg, 3
UW-Superior, 0

Krystal Graves had a team-high 14 kills.

Graves and Kaity Brouwer both finished the contest with a .636 hitting percentage.

Wartburg, 3
St. Catherine's, 0

Graves and teammate, Maddie Miller had ten kills each. Harmeyer had 20 set assists and Maria Brown had 16.

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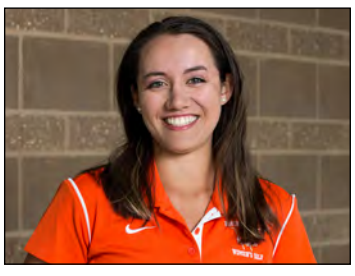
This week's IIAC honorees



Rochelle Beardsley

Beardsley (left) is a three-time defending IIAC champion. She had a 72-round score of 303, which is second-best in championship history. She was the conference's female Athlete of the Week.

Krystal Graves

Graves (right) set a new career-high with 16 kills against Augustana on Oct. 10. She also had 12 kills, five digs and one block against Coe on Oct. 7. She also had 13 kills and a solo block against St. Olaf last week.

Jamie Farley

Farley (left) had 72 digs, nine assists and two service aces against Coe, Augustana and St. Olaf last week. She also had 27 digs, two assists and two aces in the Knights' win over Augustana on Oct. 10.

Dutch ain't much

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The Wartburg Women's Soccer Team beat Central College in Pella on Saturday in Iowa Conference action, 2-0.

Alyssa Drewelow opened the scoring for the Knights six minutes into the game. Olivia Jansen provided the assist for Drewelow as the Knights took an early 1-0 lead over the Dutch.

The score remained the same for the rest of the first half.

Madison Astgen sealed the victory for the Knights 62:21 when she scored her third goal of the season. Astgen's goal was unassisted.

The Dutch outshot the Knights 17-13, but keeper Beth Crow had six saves to keep the Dutch out of the net and earned her sixth shutout of the year.

For the Dutch, the goalkeeper Sydney Lunardi allowed two goals and nine saves.

In saves by period, Central had six in the first half and three in the second. As for the Knights, two saves were recorded in the second half.

Wartburg also had the advantage in corner kicks. The Knights had five and the Dutch had three.

One yellow card was given to Central's Anissa Stanitzek at 61:15.

Wartburg also was called offsides once during the match.

The win brought the Knights' record to 10-4-1 on the season and 4-1-0 in Iowa Conference play. Wartburg also has a current conference winning percentage of .800.

Wartburg takes on the St. Olaf Oles on Wednesday on their home turf.

The Knights' next conference opponent is the Simpson Storm on Oct. 24 in Waverly.